

**A COMMANDO (MIDDLE EAST)**  
**(Including Amendment No. 1)**

Consisting of:  
Headquarters and 3 troops each of 4 sections

**WAR ESTABLISHMENT**

(i) *Personnel*

| Detail                                                         | Headquarters | 3 troops (each) |                   |                   | Total, commando<br>Middle East |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                                                |              | Headquarters    | 4 sections (each) | Total, each troop |                                |
| Commander (lieutenant colonel)                                 | 1            |                 |                   |                   | 1                              |
| Major                                                          | 1            |                 |                   |                   | 1                              |
| Major or Captain                                               |              | 1               |                   | 1                 | 3                              |
| Captain or subalterns                                          |              |                 | 1                 | 4                 | 12                             |
| Adjutant and quarter-master                                    | 1            |                 |                   |                   | 1                              |
| Total, officers                                                | 3            | 1               | 1                 | 5                 | 18                             |
| Company serjeant major                                         | 1            |                 |                   |                   | 1                              |
| Total warrant officers                                         | 1            |                 |                   |                   | 1                              |
| Company quarter-master –serjeant                               | 1            |                 |                   |                   | 1                              |
| Serjeants                                                      | 1            |                 | 1                 | 4                 | 13                             |
| Serjeant cook                                                  | 1            |                 |                   |                   | 1                              |
| Provost serjeant                                               | 1            |                 |                   |                   | 1                              |
| Total, staff-serjeants and serjeants                           | 4            |                 | 1                 | 4                 | 16                             |
| Corporals                                                      | 4            | 1               | 3                 | 13                | 43                             |
| Privates                                                       | 38           | 2               | (a)21             | 86                | 296                            |
| Total, rank and file                                           | 42           | 3               | 24                | 99                | 339                            |
| Total, other ranks                                             | 47           | 3               | 25                | 103               | 356                            |
| Total, commando (Middle East)                                  | 50           | 4               | 26                | 108               | 374                            |
| <i>Attached—</i>                                               |              |                 |                   |                   |                                |
| R.A.M.C.—                                                      |              |                 |                   |                   |                                |
| Medical officer                                                | 1            |                 |                   |                   | 1                              |
| Nursing orderlies                                              | (b)3         |                 |                   |                   | 3                              |
| R.A.O.C.—                                                      |              |                 |                   |                   |                                |
| Armourer (serjeant)                                            | 1            |                 |                   |                   | 1                              |
| Interpreters                                                   | 2            |                 |                   |                   | 2                              |
| Total, commando (Middle East) including attached               | 57           | 4               | 26                | 108               | 381                            |
| <i>(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties</i> |              |                 |                   |                   |                                |
| Batmen                                                         | 3            |                 |                   |                   | 3                              |
| Butcher                                                        | 1            |                 |                   |                   | 1                              |
| Clerks                                                         | 3            |                 |                   |                   | 3                              |
| Cooks—                                                         |              |                 |                   |                   |                                |
| Officers' mess                                                 | 1            |                 |                   |                   | 1                              |
| Serjeants' mess                                                | 1            |                 |                   |                   | 1                              |
| Rank and file messem                                           | 2            | (d)1            | 1                 | 5                 | 17                             |
| Drivers, I.C.                                                  | 5            |                 | 2                 | 8                 | 29                             |

| Detail                            | Headquarters | 3 troops (each) |                   |                   | Total, commando<br>Middle East |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                   |              | Headquarters    | 4 sections (each) | Total, each troop |                                |
| Orderlies                         | (f)3         | 2               | 1                 | 6                 | 21                             |
| Orderly room corporal             | 1            |                 |                   |                   | 1                              |
| Pioneers (carpenters and joiners) |              |                 | 1                 | 4                 | 12                             |
| Regimental police                 | 3            |                 |                   |                   | 3                              |
| Sanitary duties                   | (c)4         |                 |                   |                   | 4                              |
| Signallers                        | (d)13        |                 |                   |                   | 13                             |
| Storemen                          | 2            |                 |                   |                   | 2                              |
| Privates                          |              |                 | (g)19             | 76                | 228                            |
| Total, rank and file              | 42           | 3               | 24                | 99                | 339                            |

(iii) *Transport*

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Car, 4-seater, saloon or safari | 1      |
| Trucks, 8 cwt, 4-wheeled        | 3      |
| Lorry, 30cwt, 4-wheeled         | 1      |
| Hand carts                      | (h) 12 |

(iv) *Table of weapons and ammunition*

| Detail                | Number | Ammunition - rounds      |         |       |
|-----------------------|--------|--------------------------|---------|-------|
|                       |        | On man<br>or with<br>gun | Reserve | Total |
| Pistols (m)           | 344    | 12                       | 2064    | 6192  |
| Rifles. .303-inch (m) | 32     | 50                       | 2000    | 3600  |
| Machine pistols       | (j) 48 | (k)                      | (k)     | (k)   |
| Sub machine guns      | (j) 48 | (k)                      | (k)     | (k)   |
| Grenades H.E.         |        |                          | 700     | 700   |

- (a) Includes 4 lance-corporals  
(b) Includes 1 corporal and 2 lance corporals  
(c) 3 may be civilian  
(d) Includes, or is, a corporal  
(f) Includes 1 postman (lance corporal)  
(g) Includes 3 corporals  
(h) 1 per section  
(j) 4 per section  
(k) Scales of ammunition will be dependent on types of weapon issued, and on the particular operation on which the unit is engaged  
(m) The following personnel are armed with pistols :-  
All officers; all ranks in troops; headquarters wing – company sergeant-major; signal corporal; signallers, 2 orderlies. Remainder except interpreters are armed with rifles